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¶1. (U) We conveyed copies of third version of the draft proposal for the ARF ISM on nonproliferation to Malaysian Foreign Ministry officials responsible for ARF issues, Rosmeyuddin bin Baharudin and Zulkifli Adnan, but these officials were not available for discussion before they departed for the Philippines on July 25. After listening to our points on U.S. objections to broadening the scope of the ISM to include disarmament, other officials in the MFA's ASEAN office were unwilling to comment on the issue.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Malaysia is a strong supporter of linking nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament, and makes this linkage a consistent theme in its foreign policy pronouncements. This was a highlight in Malaysia's statement before the May NPT prepcom in Vienna: "Malaysia believes...that whilst much emphasis and effort has been expended towards achieving the goals of the non-proliferation pillar of the Treaty, it appears as if the objectives of the disarmament pillar of the Treaty have not been pursued with a corresponding urgency...." Arguments that disarmament is better discussed in more appropriate existing fora, like the NPT meetings, may offer some traction with Malaysia, as it is a member of the most relevant disarmament bodies.
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